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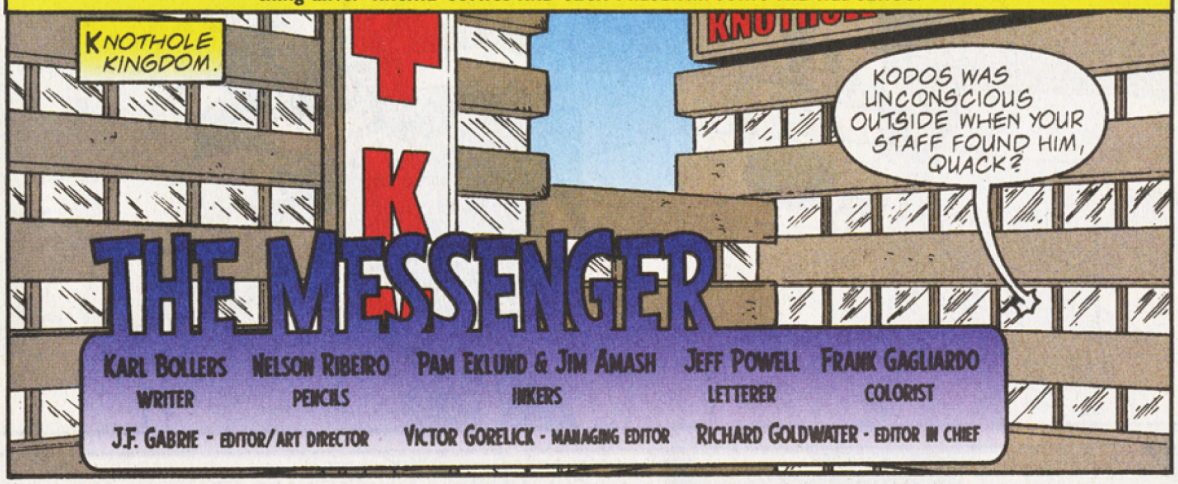
KNOTHOLE KINGDOM.
KODOS WAS UNCONSCIOUS OUTSIDE WHEN YOUR STAFF FOUND HIM, QUACK?
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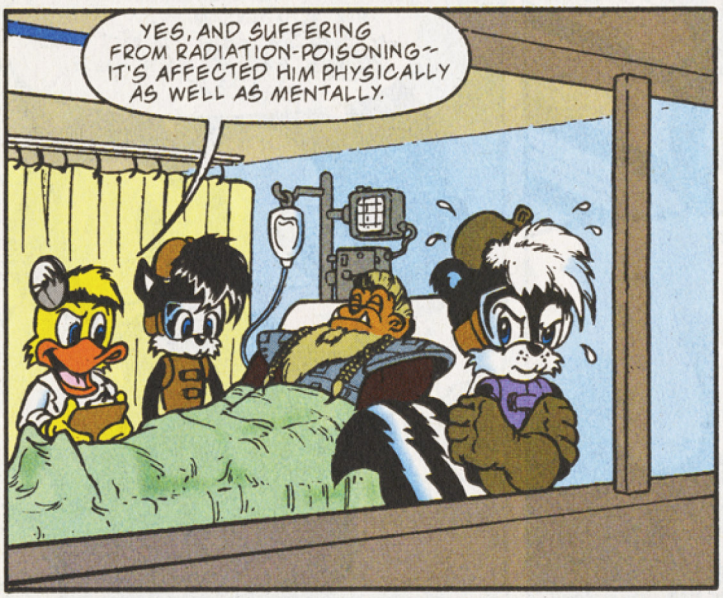

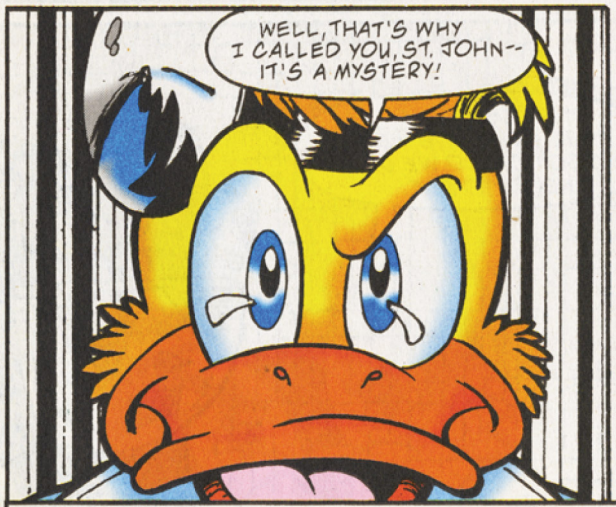

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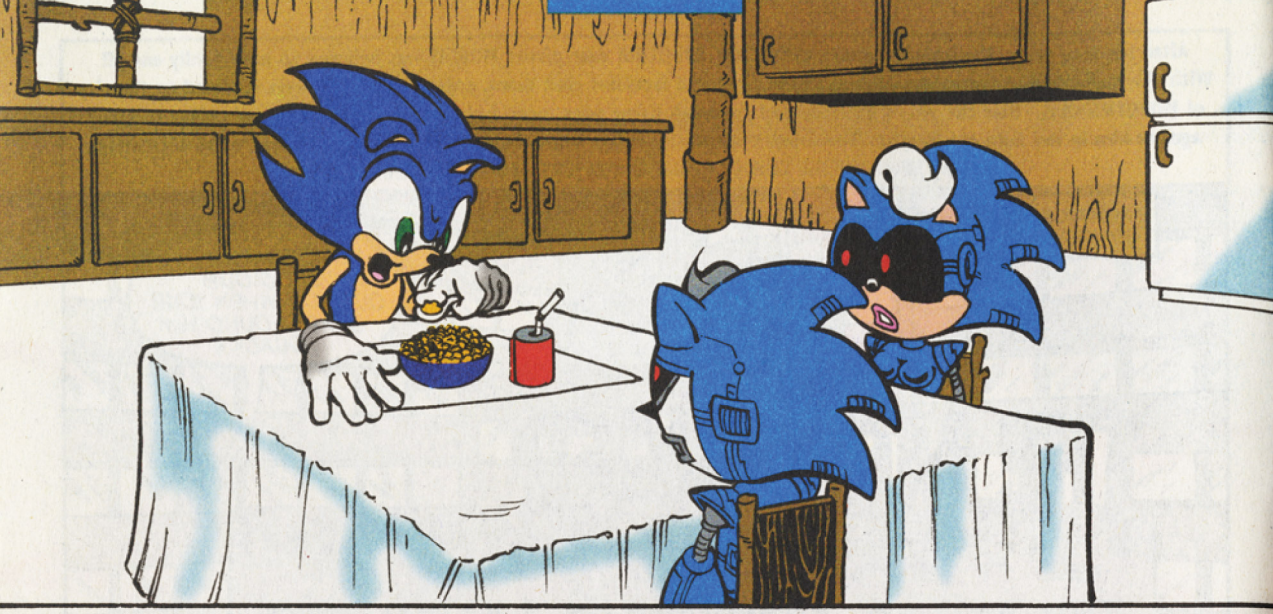
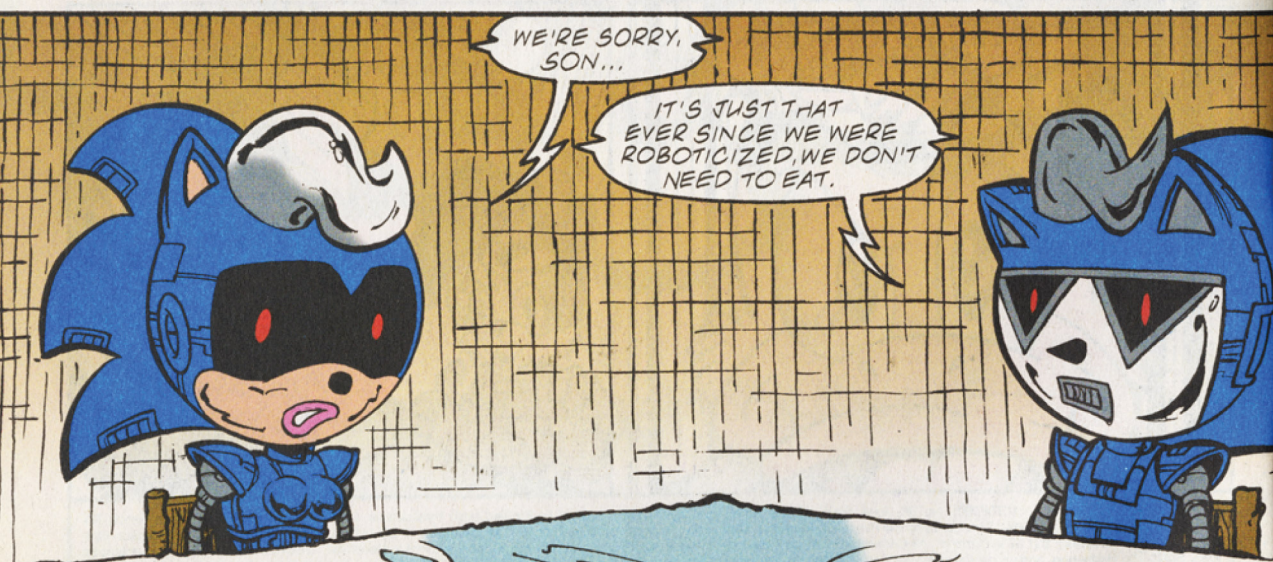


AWWW, C'MON MOM'N DAD. YOU KNOW HOW UNCOMFORTABLE I GET WHEN YOU STARE AT ME WHILE I EAT.


WE'RE SORRY, SON...
IT'S JUST THAT EVER SINCE WE WERE ROBOTICIZED, WE DON'T NEED TO EAT.

THAT'S WHAT MAKES ME UNCOM-FORTABLE. I FEEL GUIL--
KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK
WHO COULD THAT BE?
GEOFFREY ST. JOHN?!
G'DAY TO YOU, SIR...
ALL RIGHT, BOY...
...HOW DID HE GET THERE?
SLUUURRP
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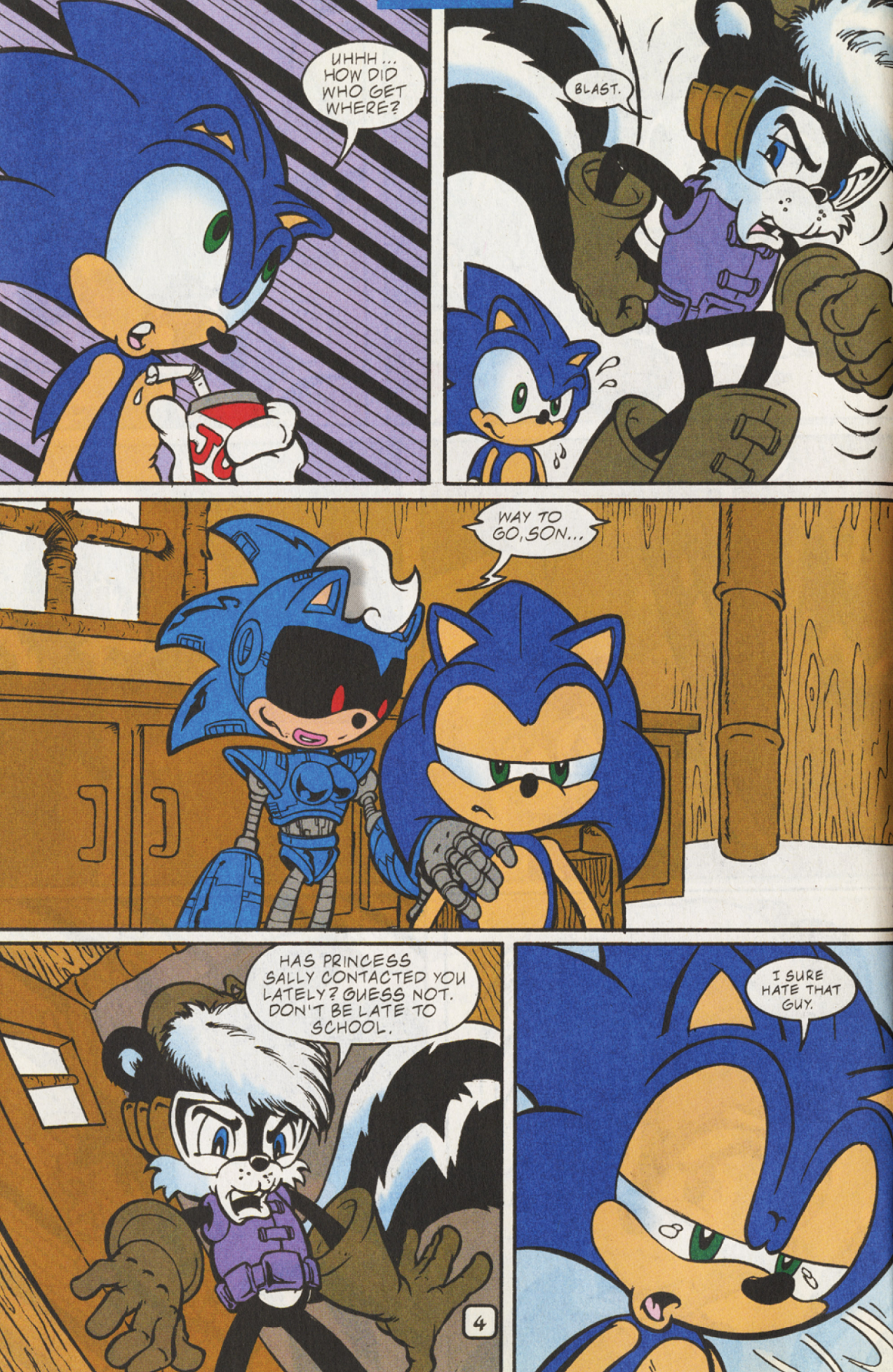
UHHH... HOW DID WHO GET WHERE?
BLAST.
WAY TO GO, SON...
HAS PRINCESS SALLY CONTACTED YOU LATELY? GUESS NOT. DON'T BE LATE TO SCHOOL.
I SURE HATE THAT GUY.
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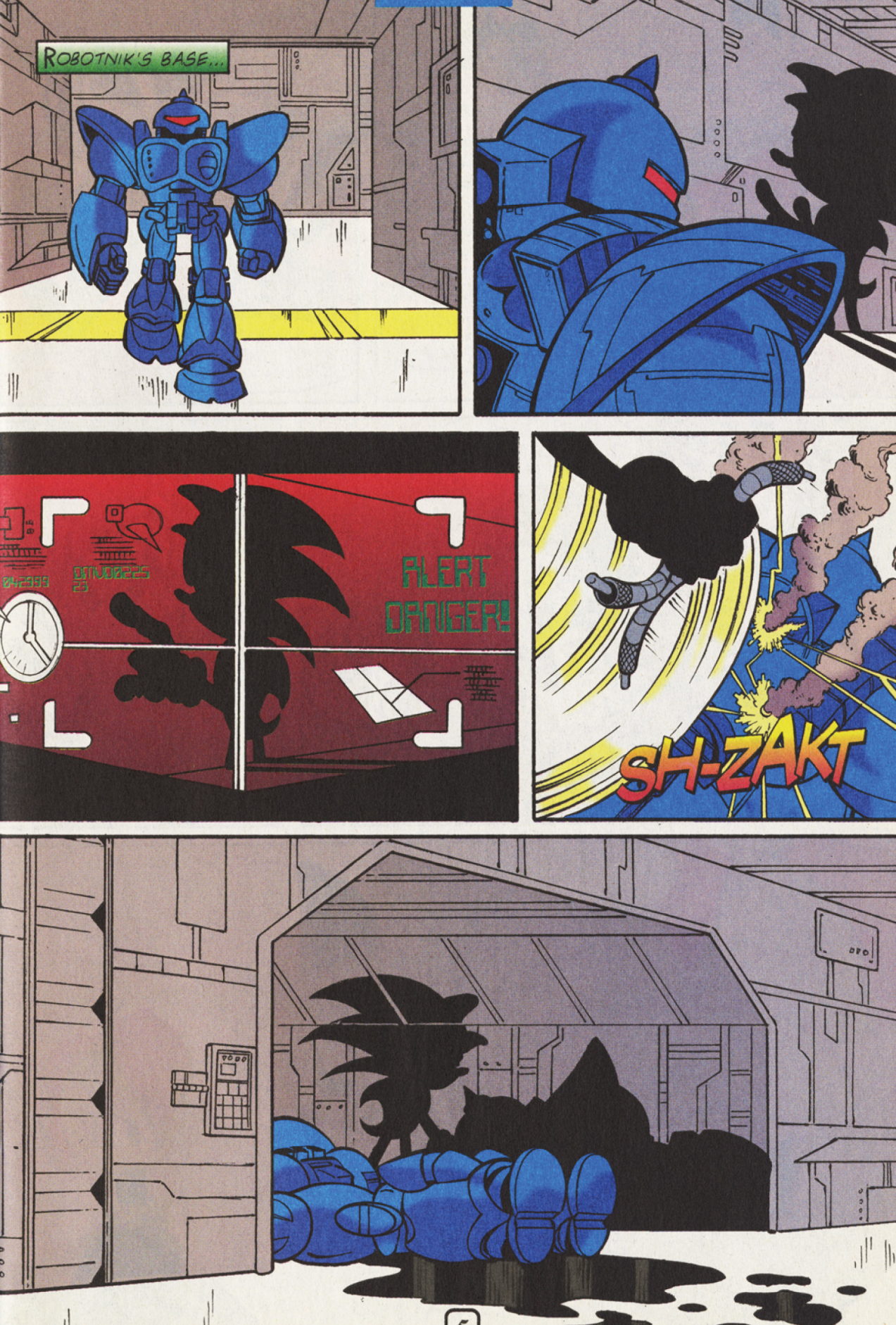
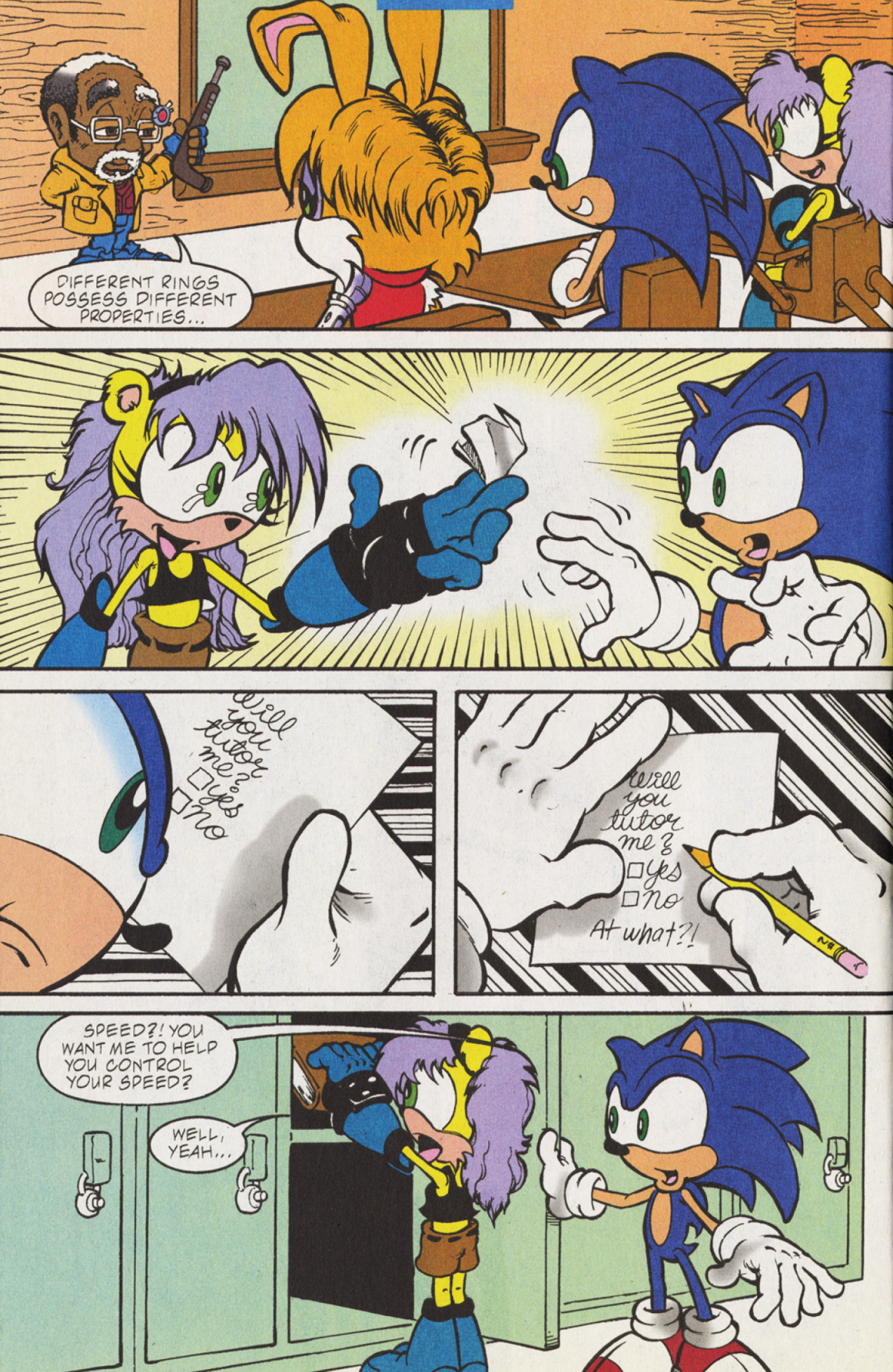
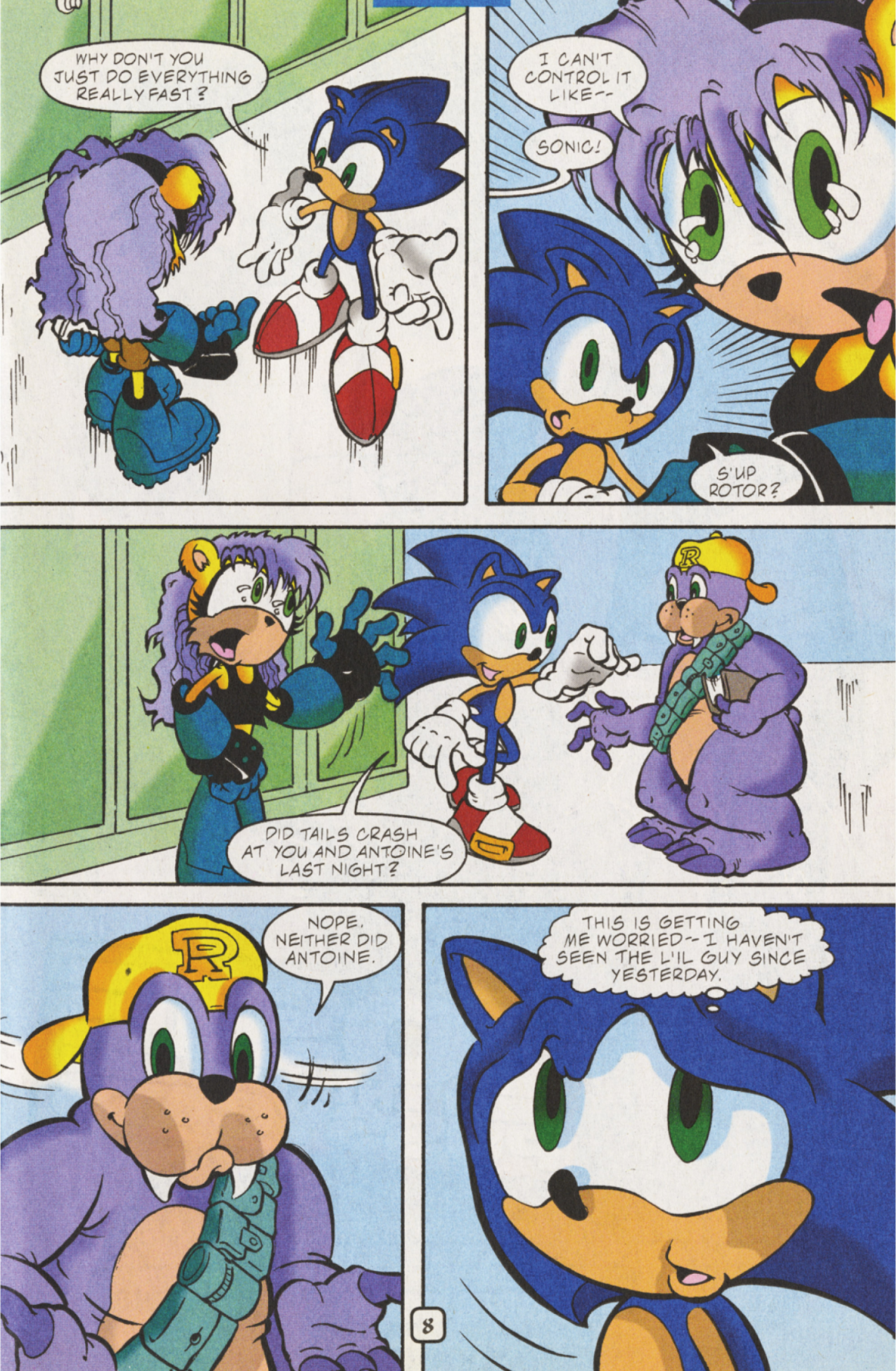
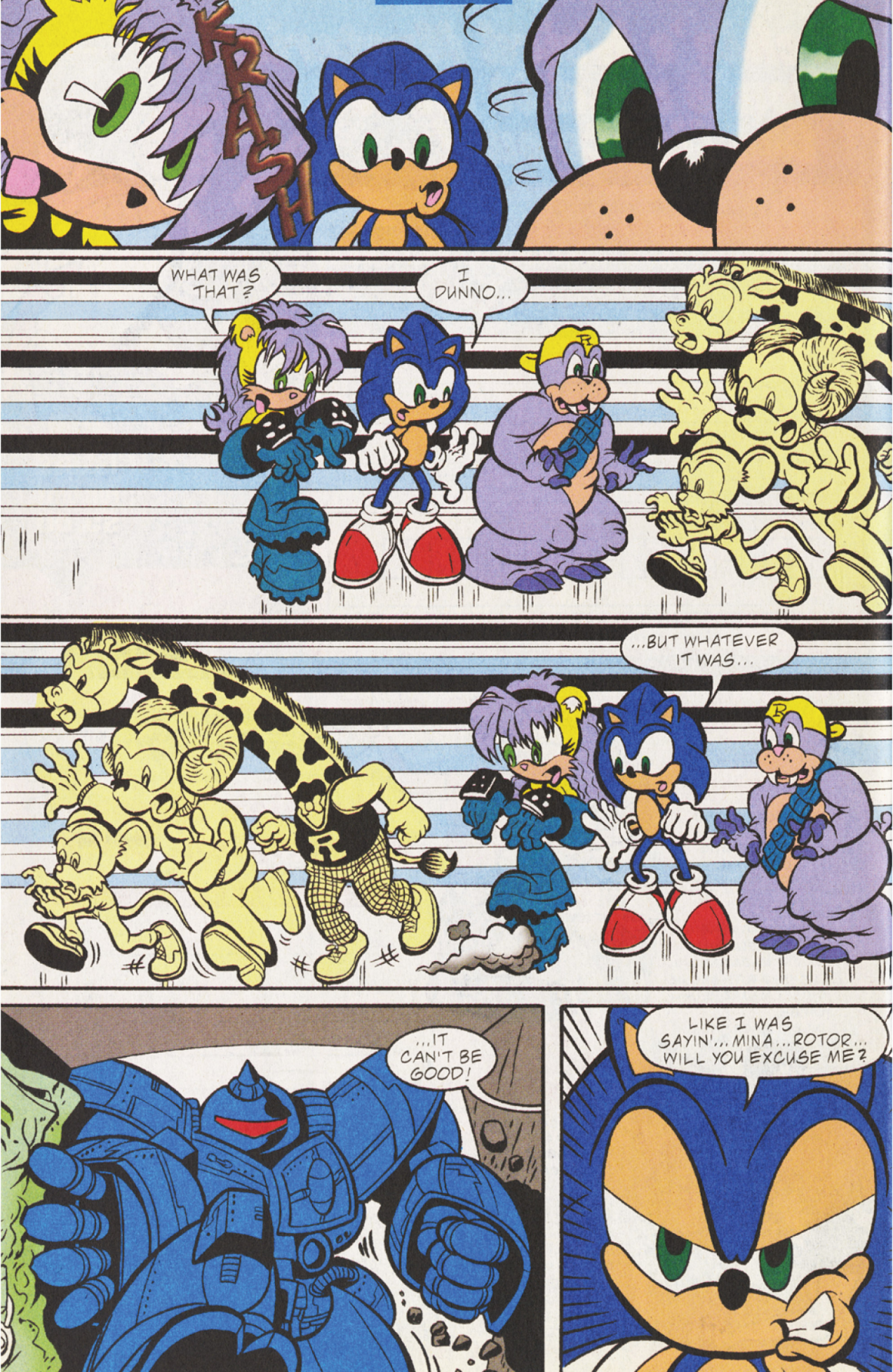
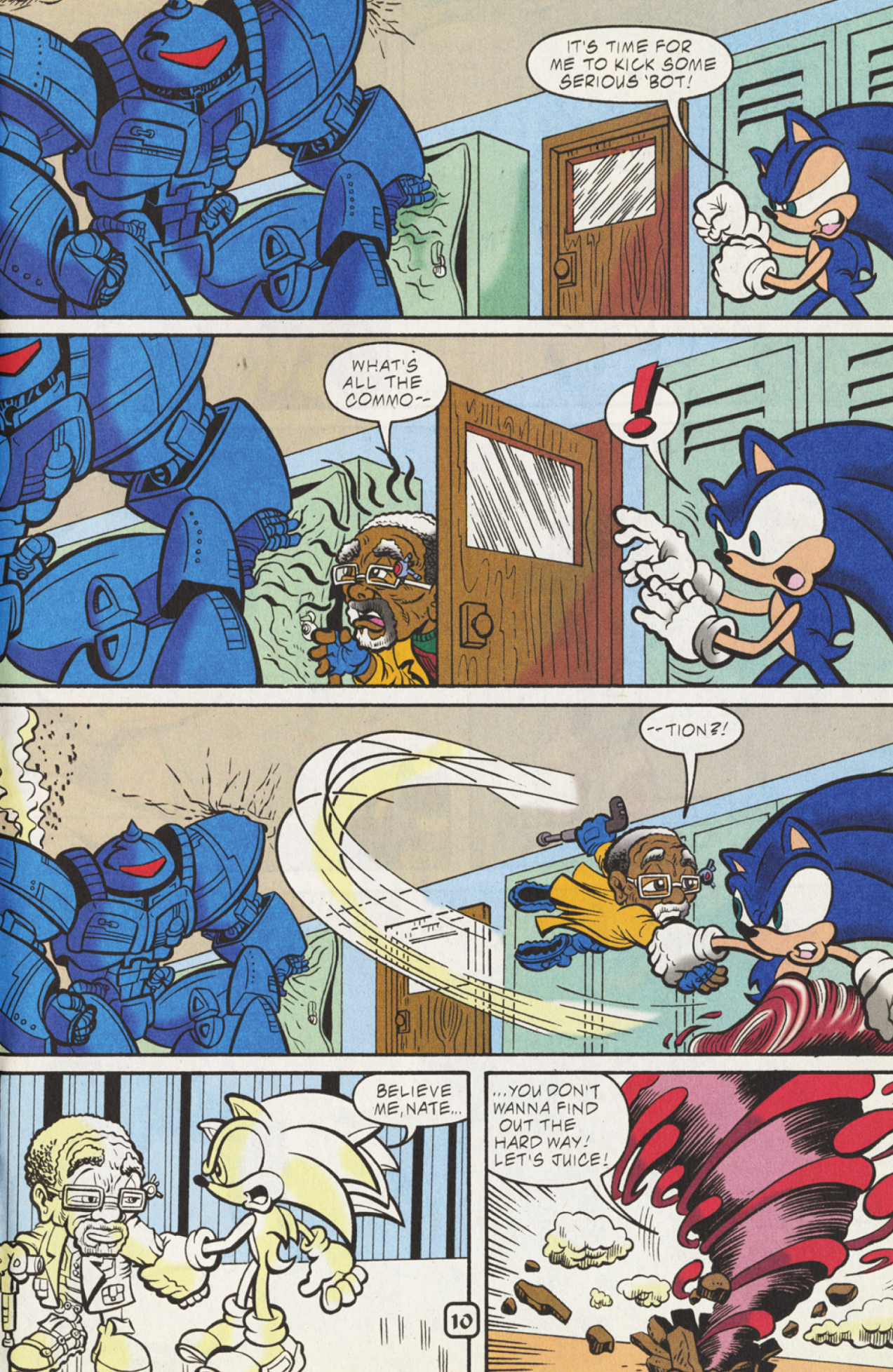

ROBOTNIK'S BASE...
ALERT
DANGER!
SH-ZAKT

WE'RE STILL TRYING TO ASCERTAIN HOW KODOS GOT HERE, SIR!
KEEP ME INFORMED OF YOUR PROGRESS.
WE SHOULD TRY TO FIND OTHER POSSIBLE LEADS.
I CAN'T WAIT TO VISIT SONIC AND THE GANG!
I'LL JOIN YOU LATER, HERSHEY...
I'LL PROVIDE YOU AN ESCORT, PRINCESS -- KODOS' ALLIES MIGHT BE LURKING ABOUT.
UHH... HOW ABOUT WHEN IT'S NOT SO DANGEROUS, THEN.
SORRY, GEOFFREY... BUT THIS IS A TRIP I HAVE TO MAKE ALONE. BUT HOW?


DIFFERENT RINGS POSSESS DIFFERENT PROPERTIES...
Will you tutor me? ☐yes ☐no
Will you tutor me? ☐yes ☐no
At what?!
SPEED?! YOU WANT ME TO HELP YOU CONTROL YOUR SPEED?
WELL, YEAH...


WHY DON'T YOU JUST DO EVERYTHING REALLY FAST?
I CAN'T CONTROL IT LIKE--
SONIC!
S'UP ROTOR?
DID TAILS CRASH AT YOU AND ANTOINE'S LAST NIGHT?
NOPE. NEITHER DID ANTOINE.
THIS IS GETTING ME WORRIED-- I HAVEN'T SEEN THE L'IL GUY SINCE YESTERDAY.


KRASH
WHAT WAS THAT?
I DUNNO...
...BUT WHATEVER IT WAS...
...IT CAN'T BE GOOD!
LIKE I WAS SAYIN'... MINA... ROTOR... WILL YOU EXCUSE ME?


IT'S TIME FOR ME TO KICK SOME SERIOUS 'BOT!
WHAT'S ALL THE COMMO--
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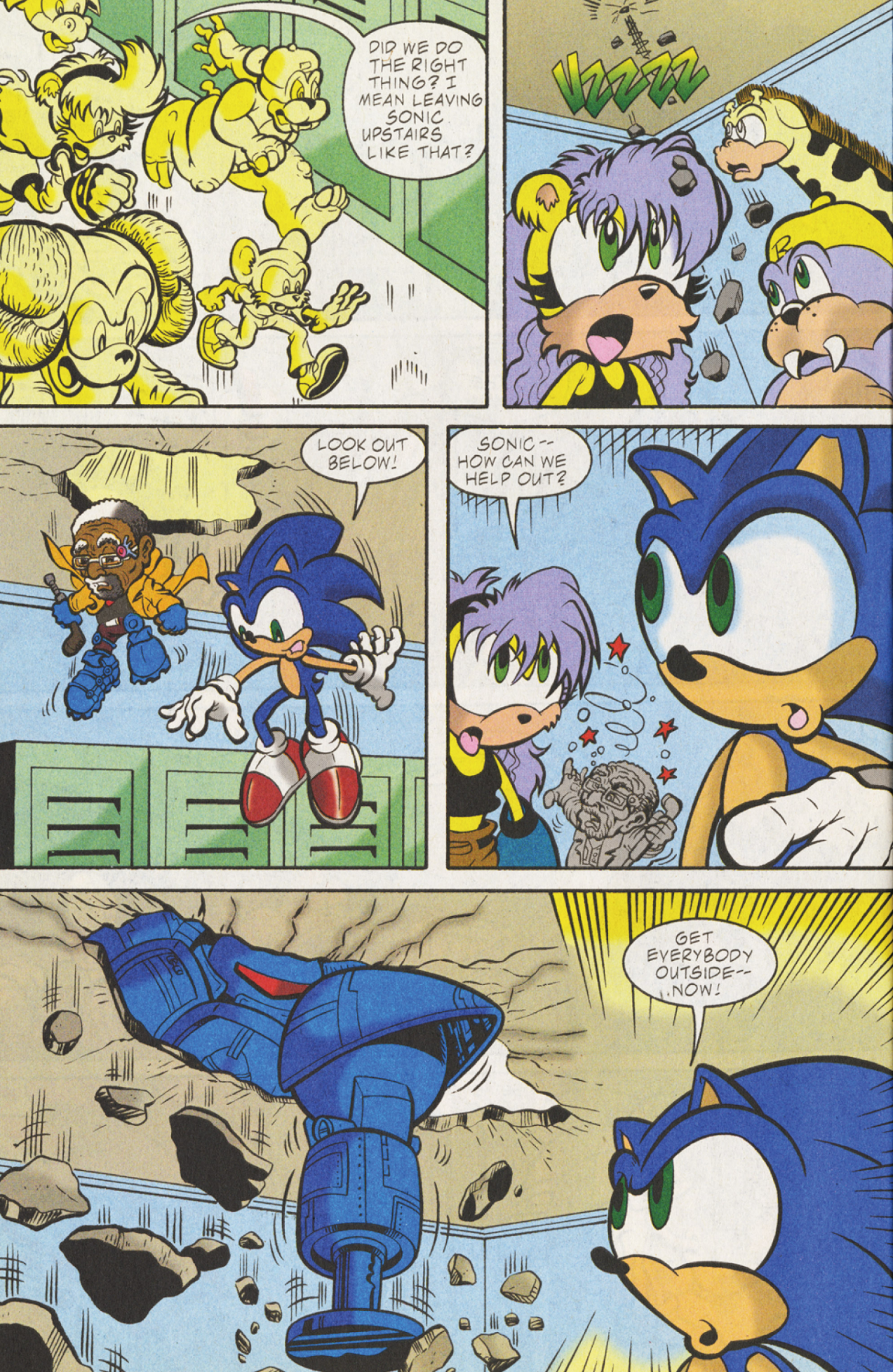
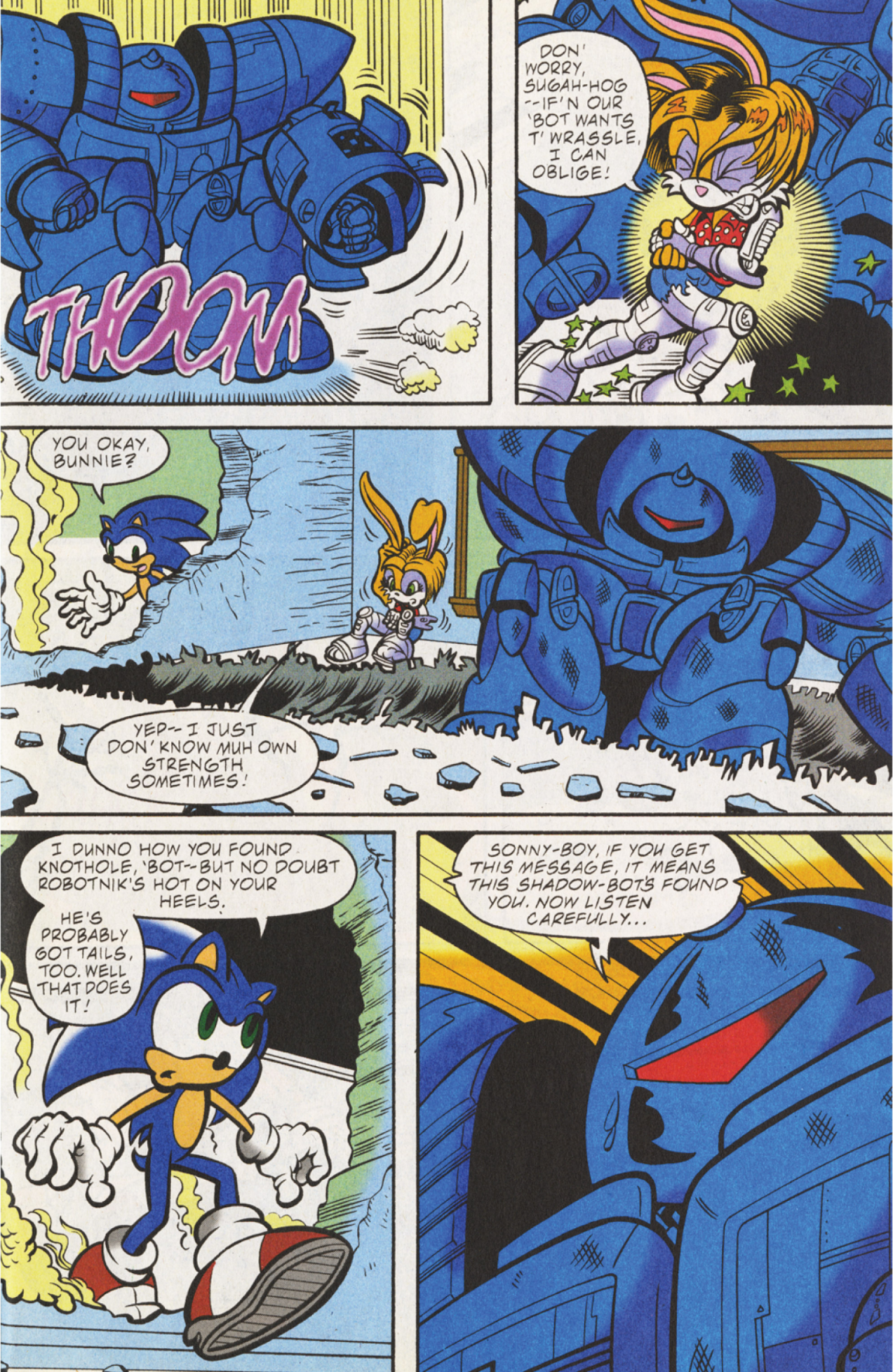
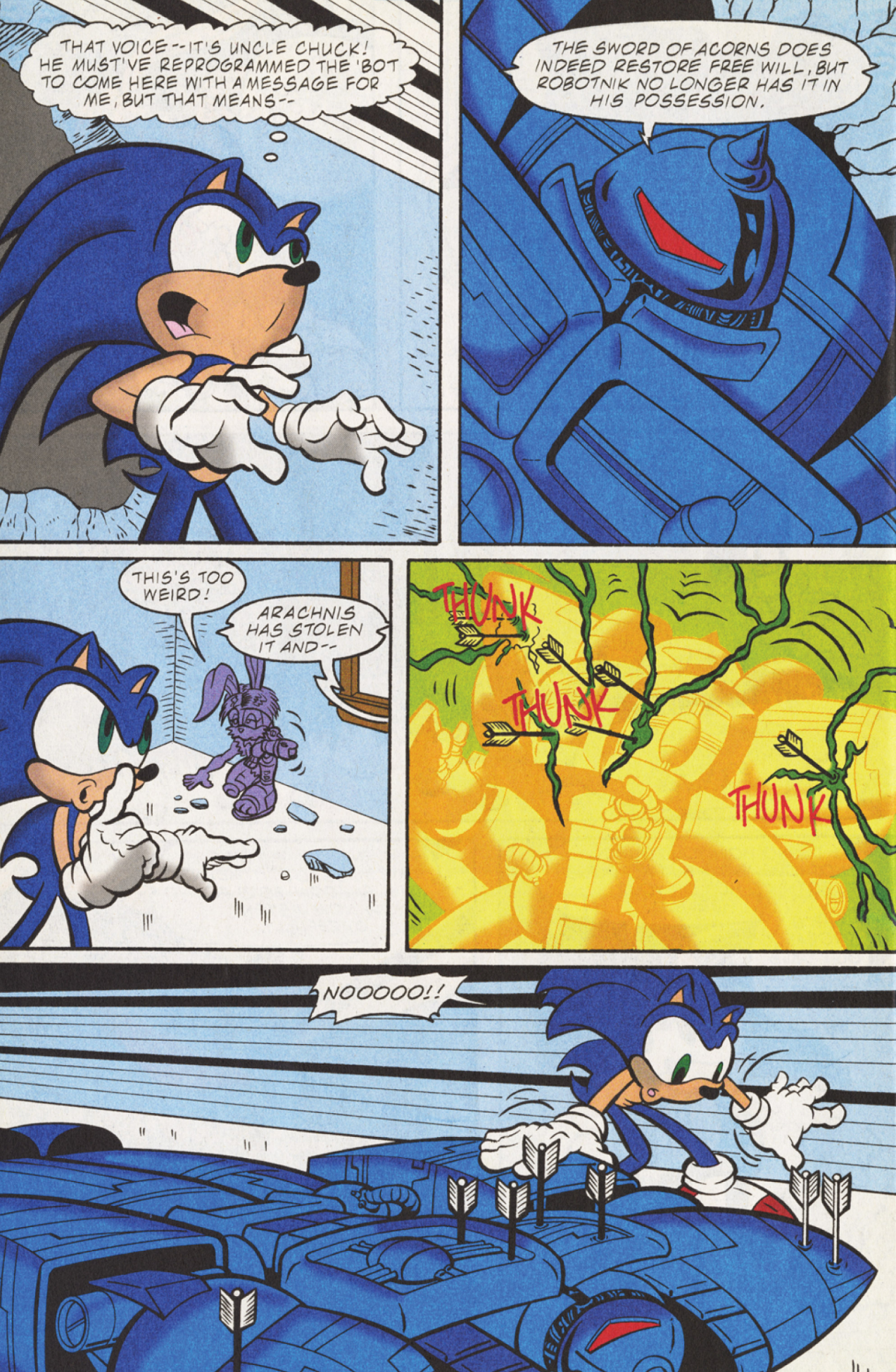
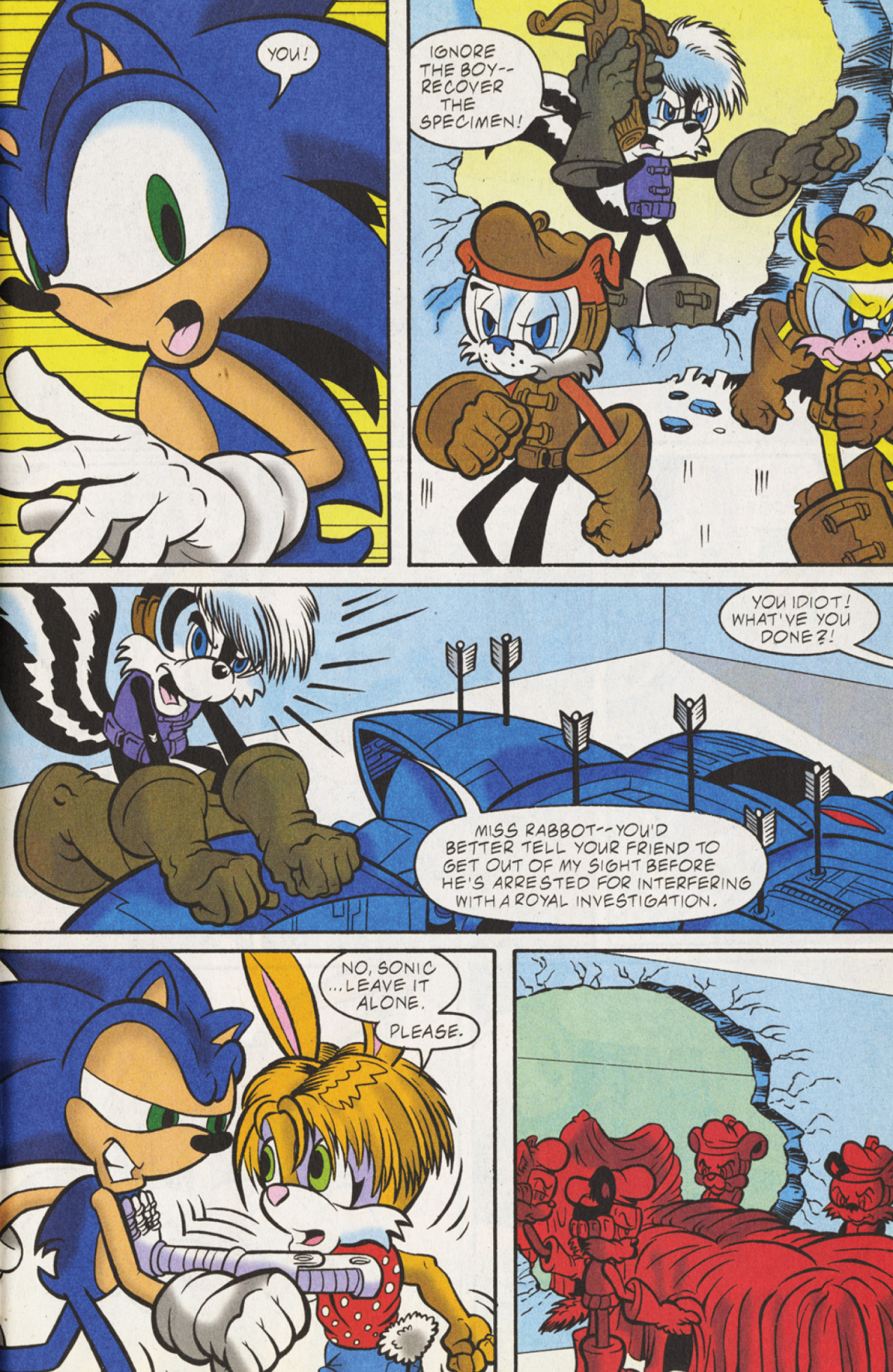
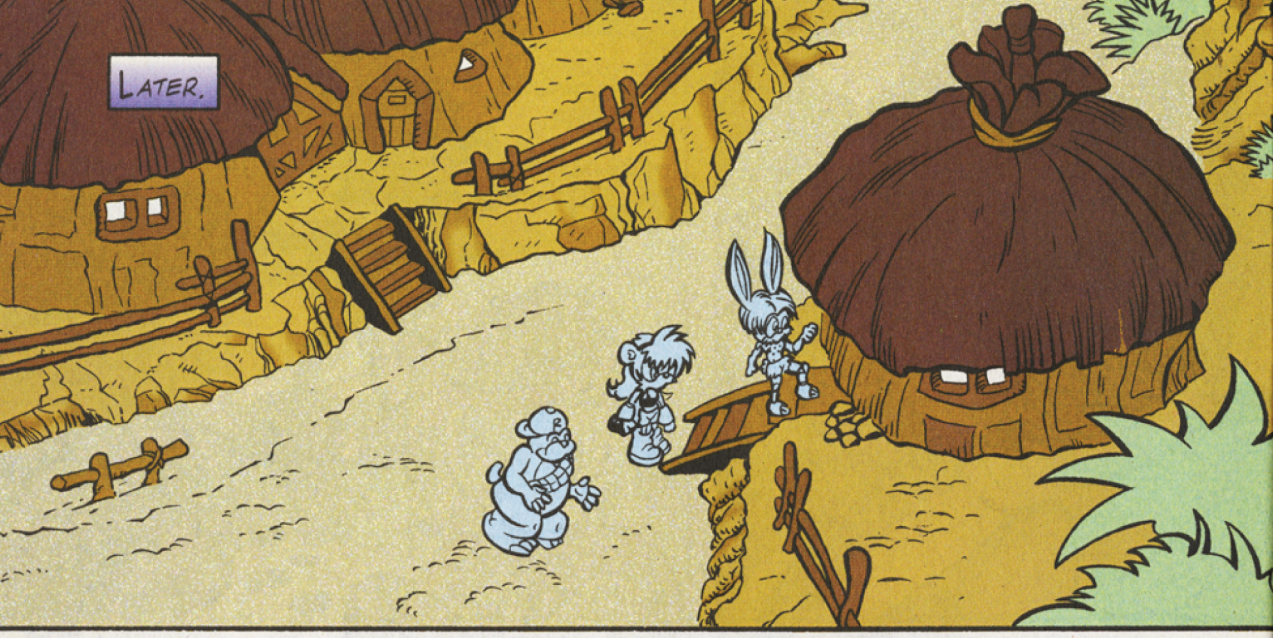
--TION?!
BELIEVE ME, NATE...
...YOU DON'T WANNA FIND OUT THE HARD WAY! LET'S JUICE!

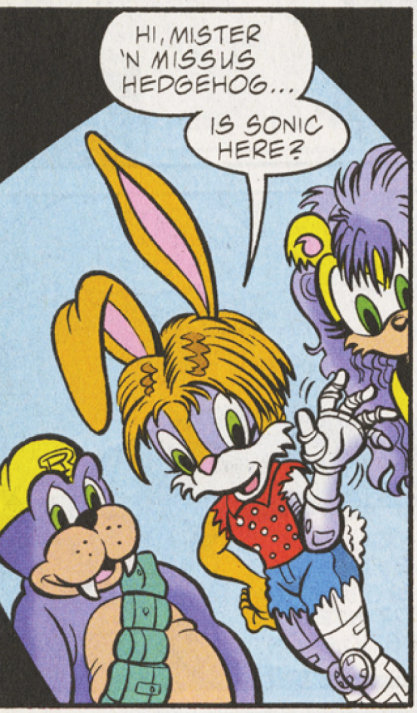

DID WE DO THE RIGHT THING? I MEAN LEAVING SONIC UPSTAIRS LIKE THAT?
VZZZZ
LOOK OUT BELOW!
SONIC -- HOW CAN WE HELP OUT?
GET EVERYBODY OUTSIDE-- NOW!


THOOM
DON' WORRY, SUGAH-HOG --IF'N OUR 'BOT WANTS T' WRASSLE, I CAN OBLIGE!
YOU OKAY, BUNNIE?
YEP-- I JUST DON' KNOW MUH OWN STRENGTH SOMETIMES!
I DUNNO HOW YOU FOUND KNOTHOLE, 'BOT-- BUT NO DOUBT ROBOTNIK'S HOT ON YOUR HEELS.
HE'S PROBABLY GOT TAILS, TOO. WELL THAT DOES IT!
SONNY-BOY, IF YOU GET THIS MESSAGE, IT MEANS THIS SHADOW-BOT'S FOUND YOU. NOW LISTEN CAREFULLY...

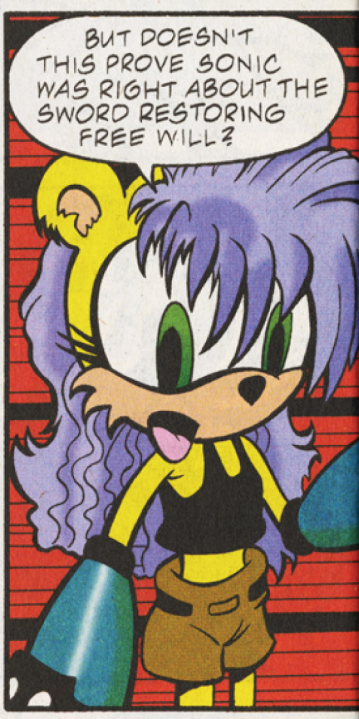

THAT VOICE--IT'S UNCLE CHUCK! HE MUST'VE REPROGRAMMED THE 'BOT TO COME HERE WITH A MESSAGE FOR ME, BUT THAT MEANS--
THE SWORD OF ACORNS DOES INDEED RESTORE FREE WILL, BUT ROBOTNIK NO LONGER HAS IT IN HIS POSSESSION.
THIS'S TOO WEIRD!
ARACHNIS HAS STOLEN IT AND--
THUNK
THUNK
THUNK
NOOOOO!!

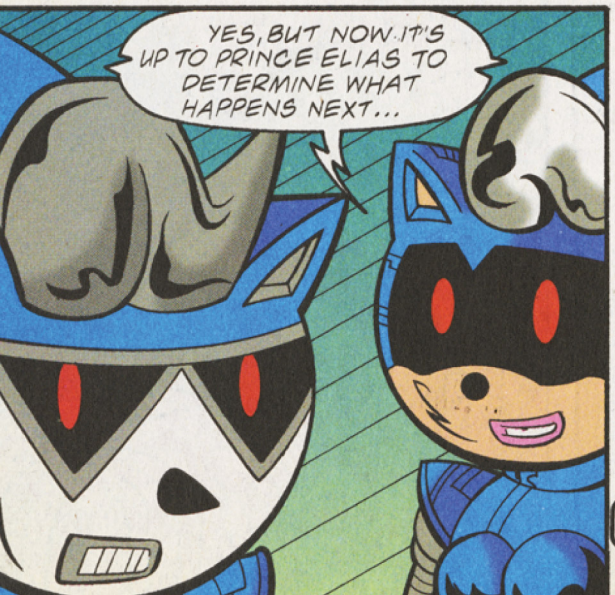

YOU!
IGNORE THE BOY-- RECOVER THE SPECIMEN!
YOU IDIOT! WHAT'VE YOU DONE?!
MISS RABBOT--YOU'D BETTER TELL YOUR FRIEND TO GET OUT OF MY SIGHT BEFORE HE'S ARRESTED FOR INTERFERING WITH A ROYAL INVESTIGATION.
NO, SONIC ...LEAVE IT ALONE.
PLEASE.

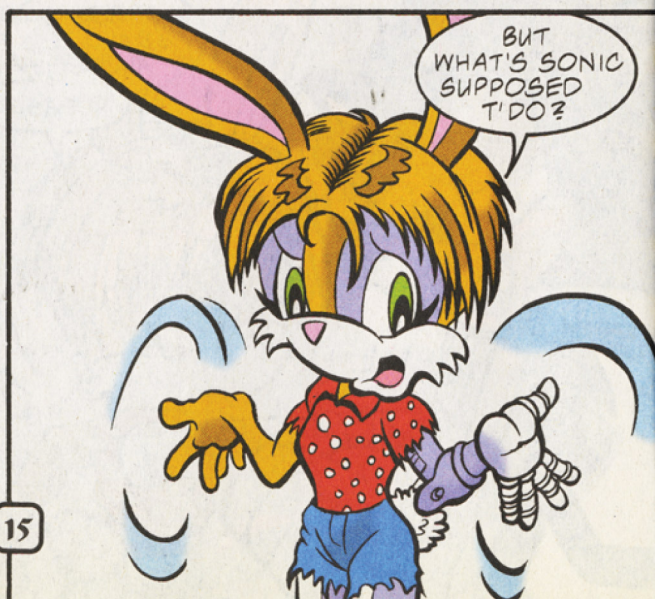

LATER.

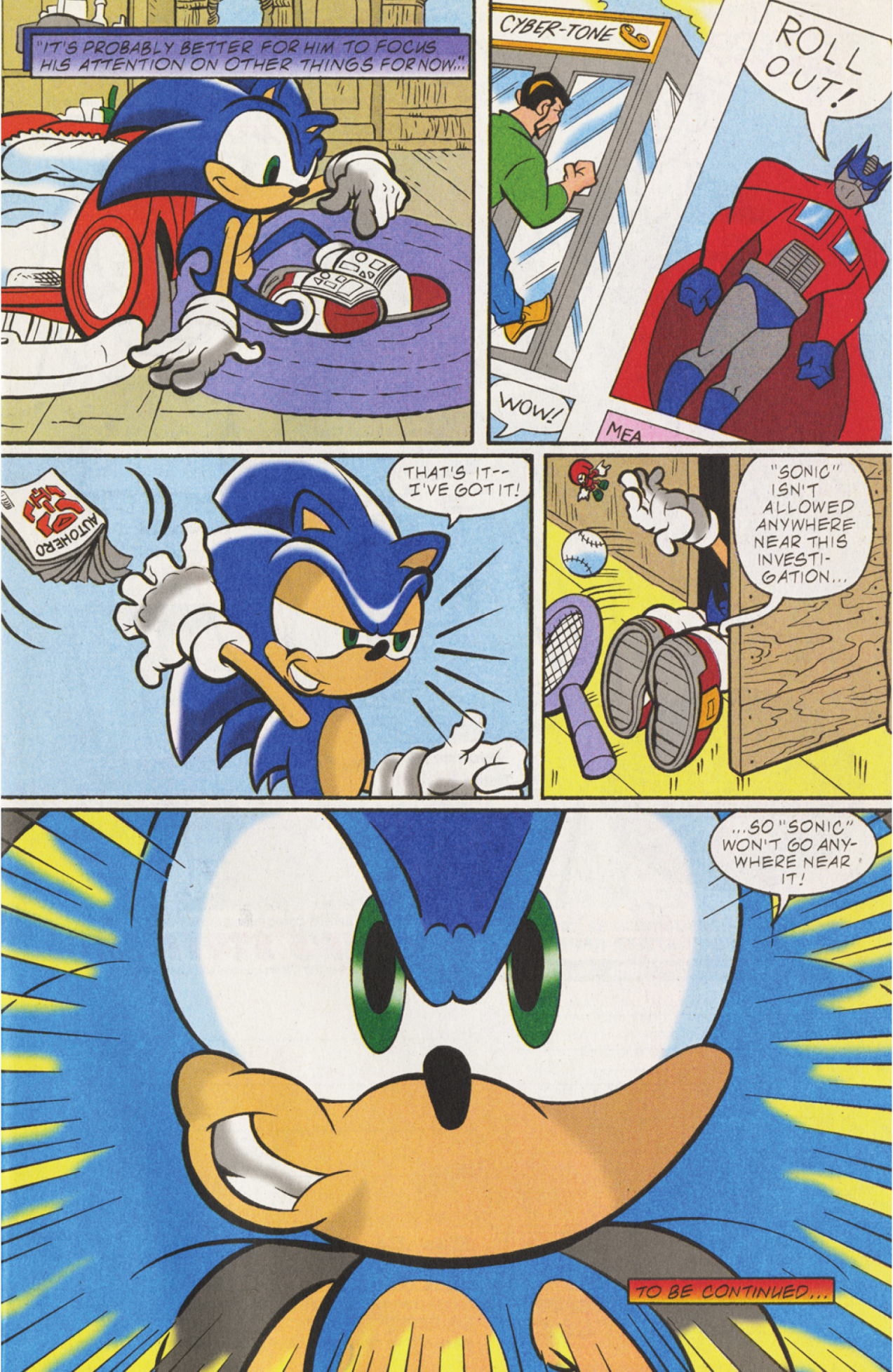

HI, MISTER 'N MISSUS HEDGEHOG...
IS SONIC HERE?

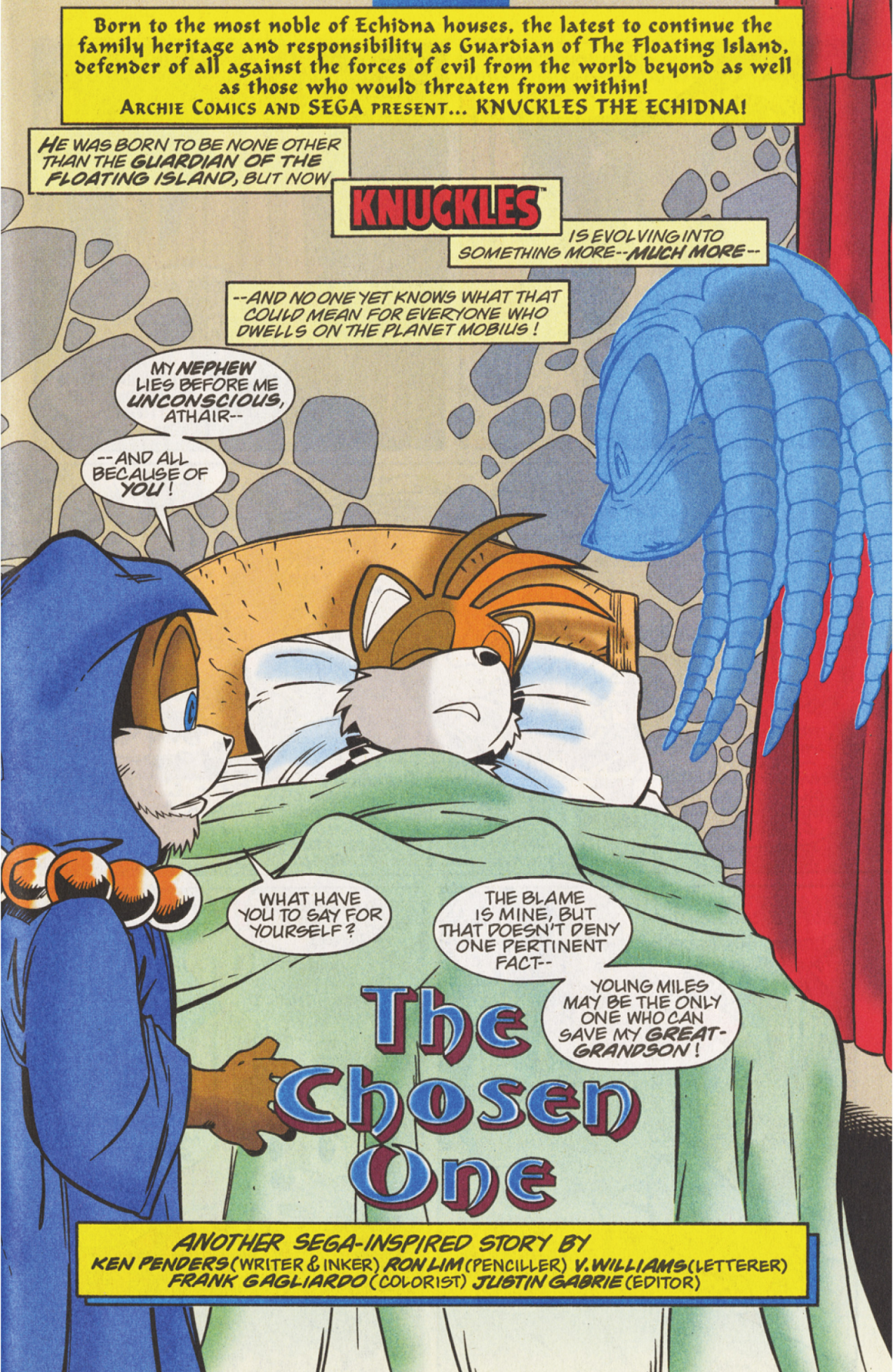
YES, BUT AFTER WHAT HAPPENED AT SCHOOL TODAY, HE'S IN NO MOOD FOR COMPANY.
HE DIDN'T EVEN COME OUT OF HIS ROOM FOR CHILI-DOGS!


BUT DOESN'T THIS PROVE SONIC WAS RIGHT ABOUT THE SWORD RESTORING FREE WILL?


YES, BUT NOW IT'S UP TO PRINCE ELIAS TO DETERMINE WHAT HAPPENS NEXT...


BUT WHAT'S SONIC SUPPOSED T' DO?


"IT'S PROBABLY BETTER FOR HIM TO FOCUS HIS ATTENTION ON OTHER THINGS FOR NOW..."
CYBER-TONE
ROLL OUT!
WOW!
MEA
AUTOHERO
THAT'S IT-- I'VE GOT IT!
"SONIC" ISN'T ALLOWED ANYWHERE NEAR THIS INVESTI-GATION...
...SO "SONIC" WON'T GO ANY-WHERE NEAR IT!
TO BE CONTINUED...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is evolving into something more--MUCH MORE--
--and no one yet knows what that could mean for everyone who dwells on the planet Mobius!
My NEPHEW lies before me UNCONSCIOUS, athair--
--and all because of YOU!
What have you to say for yourself?
The blame is mine, but that doesn't deny one pertinent fact--
young Miles may be the only one who can save my great-grandson!
The Chosen One
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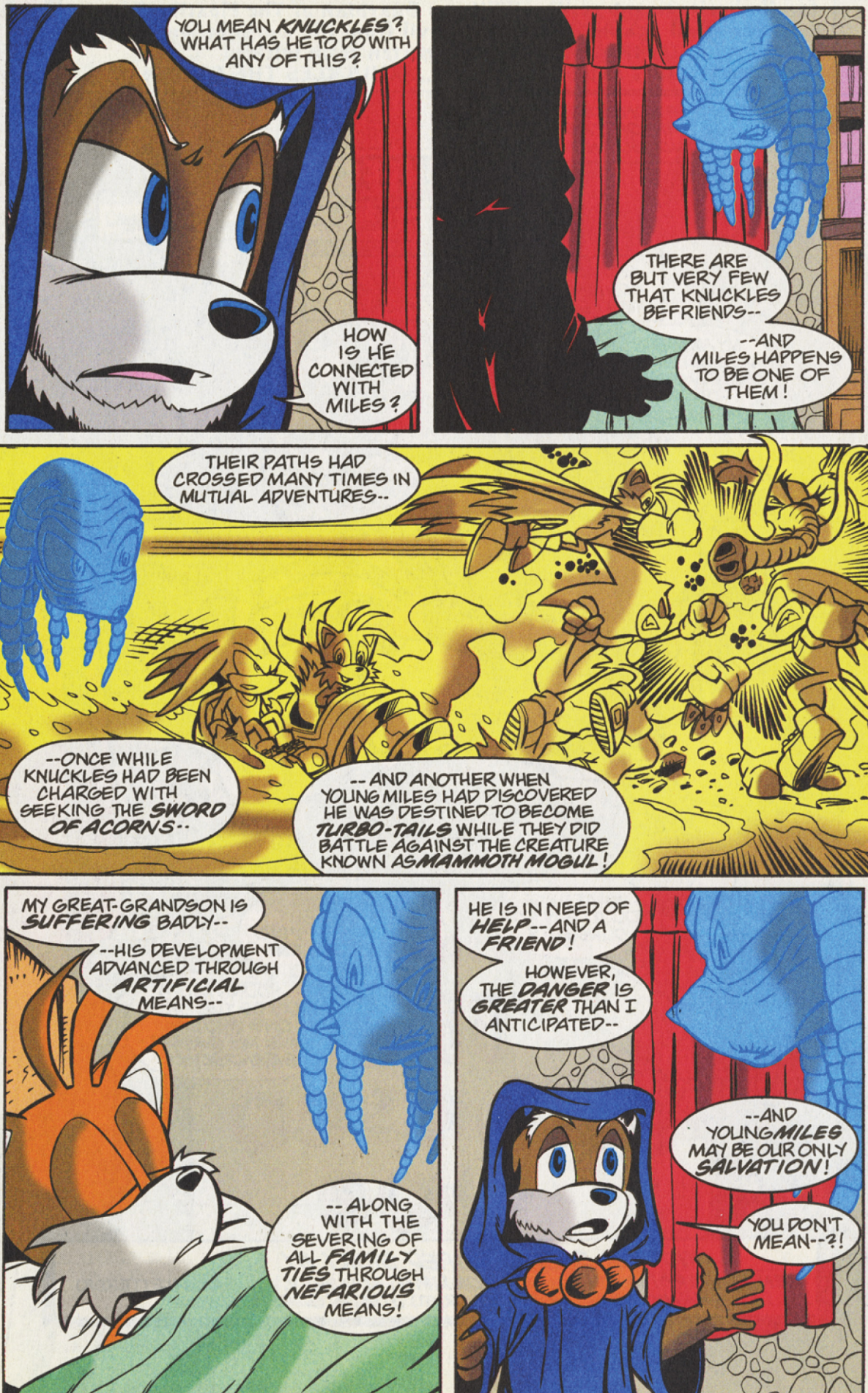
YOU MEAN KNUCKLES? WHAT HAS HE TO DO WITH ANY OF THIS?
HOW IS HE CONNECTED WITH MILES?
THERE ARE BUT VERY FEW THAT KNUCKLES BEFRIENDS--
--AND MILES HAPPENS TO BE ONE OF THEM!
THEIR PATHS HAD CROSSED MANY TIMES IN MUTUAL ADVENTURES--
--ONCE WHILE KNUCKLES HAD BEEN CHARGED WITH SEEKING THE SWORD OF ACORNS--
-- AND ANOTHER WHEN YOUNG MILES HAD DISCOVERED HE WAS DESTINED TO BECOME TURBO-TAILS WHILE THEY DID BATTLE AGAINST THE CREATURE KNOWN AS MAMMOTH MOGUL!
MY GREAT-GRANDSON IS SUFFERING BADLY--
--HIS DEVELOPMENT ADVANCED THROUGH ARTIFICIAL MEANS--
-- ALONG WITH THE SEVERING OF ALL FAMILY TIES THROUGH NEFARIOUS MEANS!
HE IS IN NEED OF HELP -- AND A FRIEND!
HOWEVER, THE DANGER IS GREATER THAN I ANTICIPATED--
--AND YOUNG MILES MAY BE OUR ONLY SALVATION!
YOU DON'T MEAN--?!

OUT OF THE QUESTION!!!
I'VE ALREADY LOST A BROTHER! I WON'T LOSE HIS ONLY SON AS WELL!
BUT THE PROPHECIES--!
DON'T YOU DARE LECTURE ME ABOUT THE PROPHECIES!!!
HOW MANY ACTUALLY CAME TRUE WHEN YOU SHEPHERDED THE CLANSMEN?!! *
* AS RELATED IN "THE FORGOTTEN TRIBE" PRESENTED IN KNUCKLES #10 THROUGH 12--Justin
THE PROBLEM LAY NOT IN THE PROPHECIES, BUT IN THE INTER-PRETER!
MY SIN WAS THE ARROGANCE OF A BELIEF THAT I ALONE COULD PROTECT MY FAMILY FROM HARM!
HAD I UNDERSTOOD WHAT PART FREE WILL PLAYS--
FAATHERRR...
ATHAIR!!
DID YOU HEAR?!!
MOTHERRR... JULIE-SUUU...
SUCH ANGUISH!!! WHERE IS THE POOR CREATURE CRYING OUT FROM?!!
ANYONE...?
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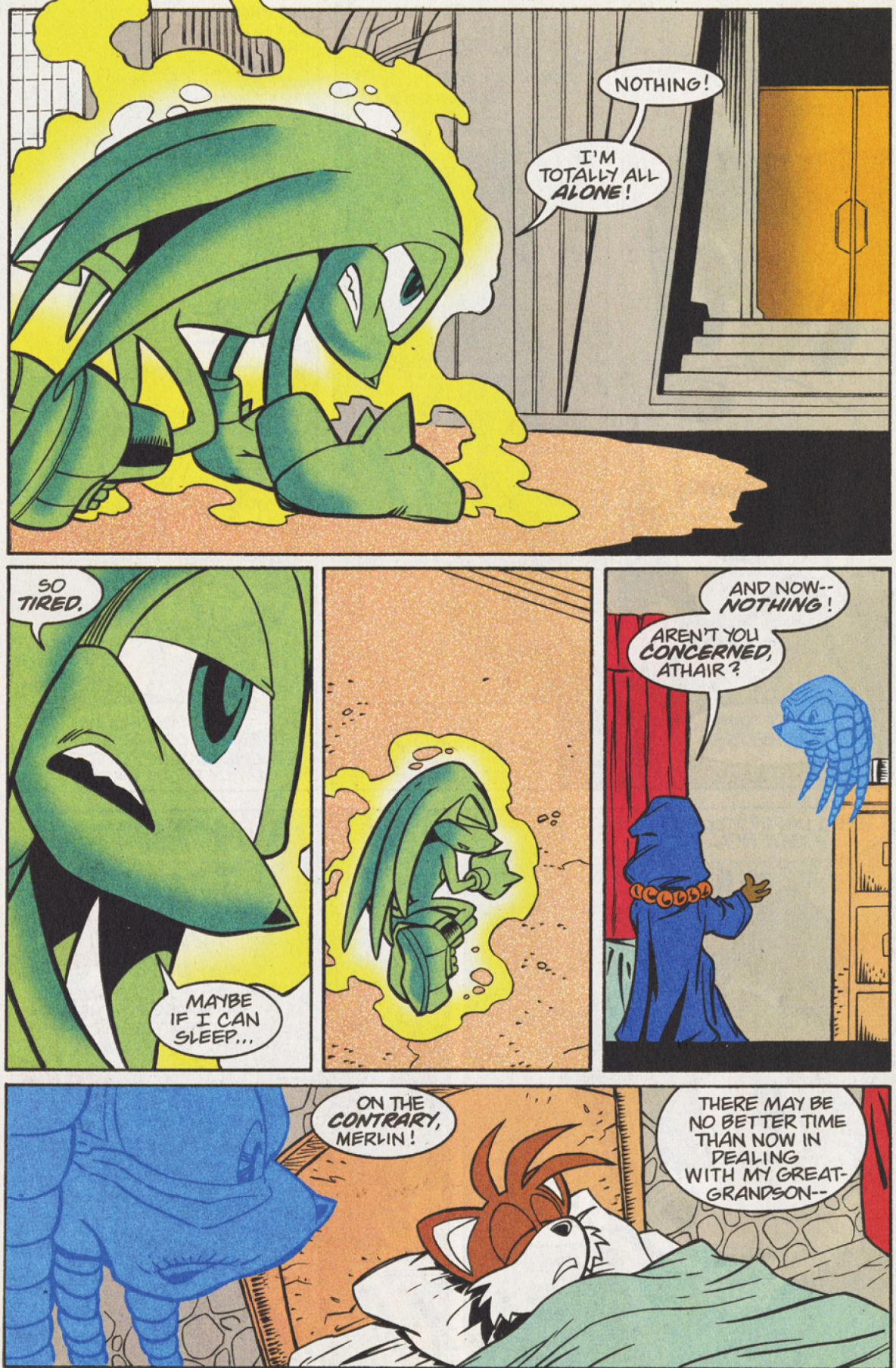
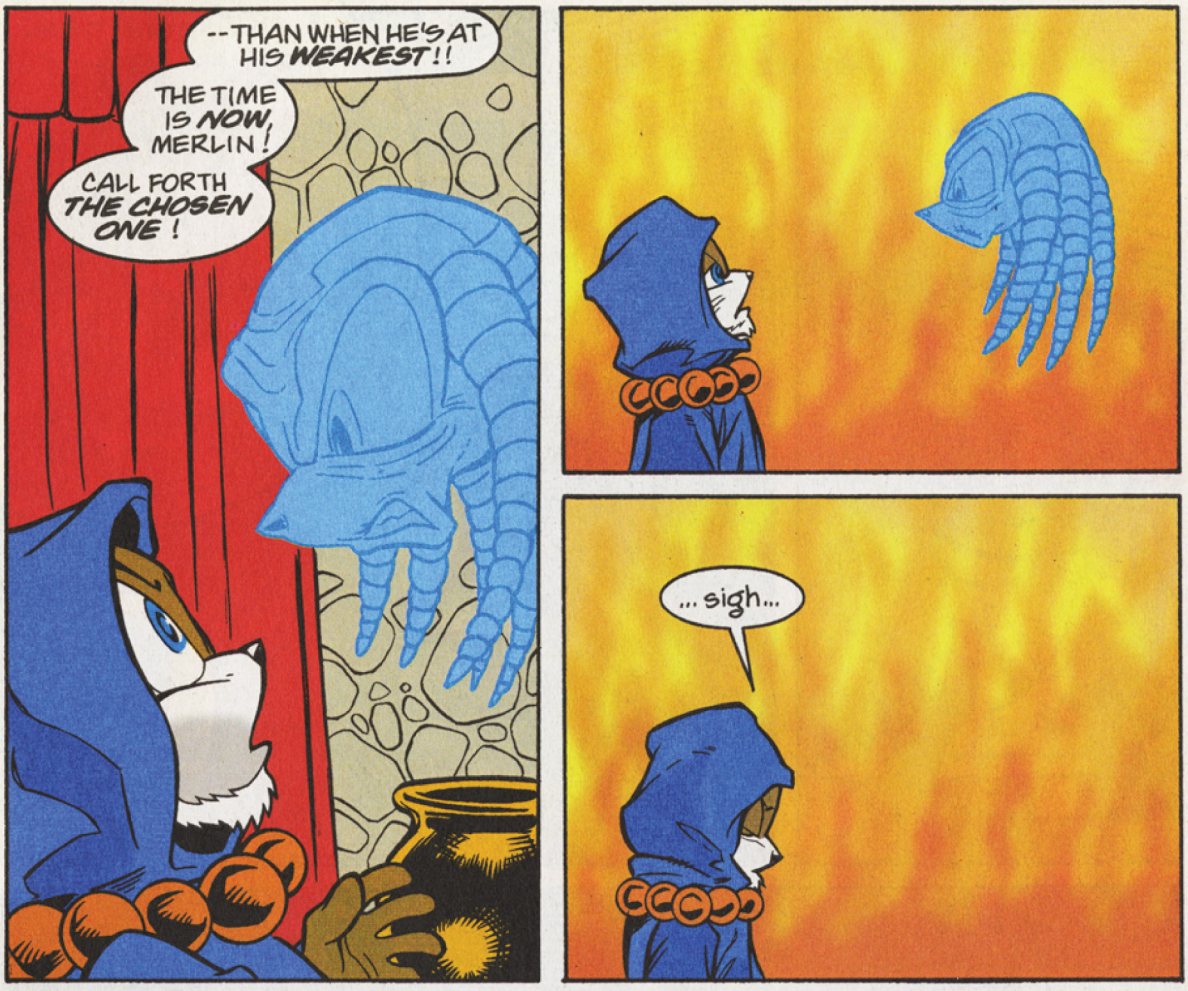
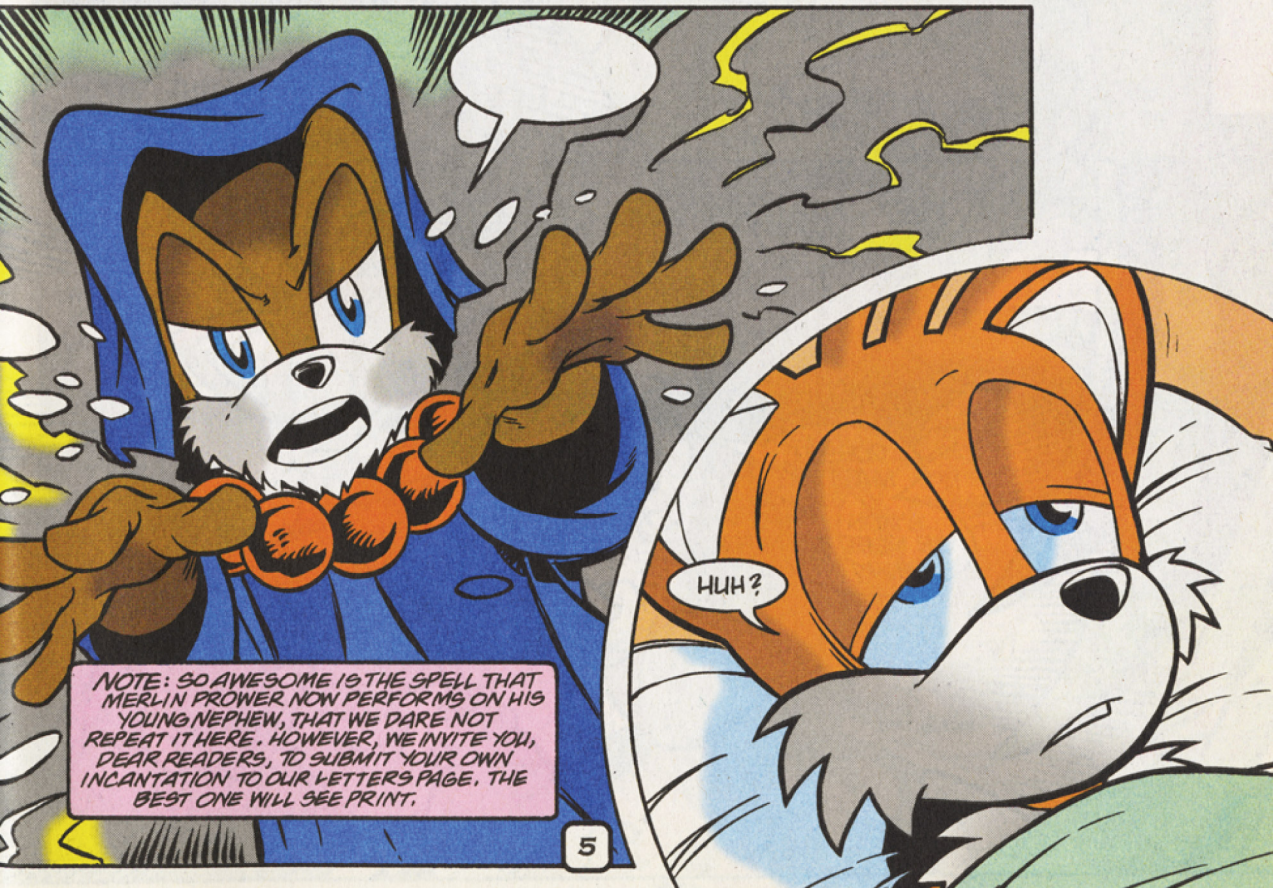
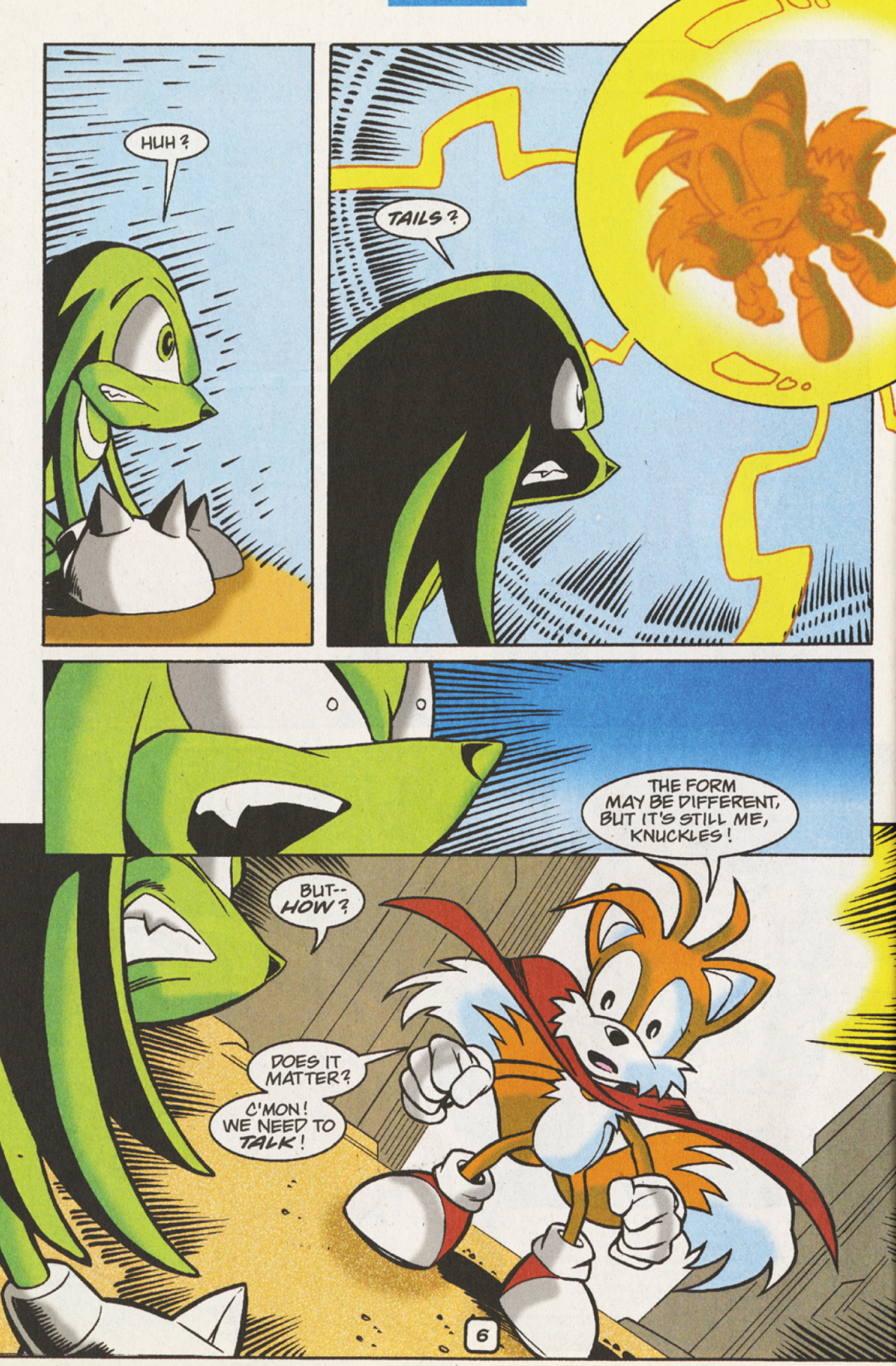

NOTHING!
I'M TOTALLY ALL ALONE!
SO TIRED.
MAYBE IF I CAN SLEEP...
AND NOW-- NOTHING!
AREN'T YOU CONCERNED, ATHAIR?
ON THE CONTRARY, MERLIN!
THERE MAY BE NO BETTER TIME THAN NOW IN DEALING WITH MY GREAT-GRANDSON--


--THAN WHEN HE'S AT HIS WEAKEST!!
THE TIME IS NOW, MERLIN!
CALL FORTH THE CHOSEN ONE!
... sigh...


HUH?
NOTE: SO AWESOME IS THE SPELL THAT MERLIN PROWER NOW PERFORMS ON HIS YOUNG NEPHEW, THAT WE DARE NOT REPEAT IT HERE. HOWEVER, WE INVITE YOU, DEAR READERS, TO SUBMIT YOUR OWN INCANTATION TO OUR LETTERS PAGE. THE BEST ONE WILL SEE PRINT.


HUH?
TAILS?
THE FORM MAY BE DIFFERENT, BUT IT'S STILL ME, KNUCKLES!
BUT-- HOW?
DOES IT MATTER?
C'MON! WE NEED TO TALK!

ABOUT WHAT?
LIKE WHERE MY FAMILY IS?!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR FAMILY--
--BUT I COULD HELP YOU FIND OUT!
IS SOMETHING WRONG?
WE'RE NOT ALONE!
SOMEONE ELSE IS NEAR!
IT'S ONLY US, M'BOY!
WE'RE ONLY HERE TO HELP YOU, KNUCKLES!
WE JUST THOUGHT YOU'D RATHER DEAL WITH ONE THAN ALL OF US!
YOU'RE LYING!

YOU'RE NOT HERE TO HELP ME AT ALL, ARE YOU?
WHAM!
WOOF!
I'M SORRY, KNUCKLES--
--BUT I DON'T THINK YOU CAN TELL FRIEND FROM FOE RIGHT NOW!!
SAYS WHO?
ANY MUG WHO DECKS ME SURE AIN'T A FRIEND--
--SO YOU BETTER GET READY TO RUMBLE!!!
NEXT: DEATHMATCH ECHIDNA STYLE!!! C-YA IN 30!!!